time to time by the State Government for bonds issued by the undivided State Electricity Board;

(b) whether as per the decision of the Union Government, this liability has to be shared between the Bihar and Jharkhand Governments in the ratio of 54:46; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to issue any direction to the Jharkhand Government in this matter and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Capacity of NTPC's Kayamkulam Project

2263. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) upto what level the capacity of NTPC's Kayamkulam Project will be raised as per the declaration made by the PM;

(b) how much money will be allotted for the purpose; and

(c) the product that will be used to generate electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA):(a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has prepared a plan to expand the existing 350 MW naphtha fired combined cycle power plant of NTPC at Kayamkulam by adding 1950 MW capacity in Stage-II based on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)/natural gas as fuel. As per the Detailed Feasibility Report prepared by NTPC for the project, the estimated cost works out to Rs. 7584.51 crore (3rd quarter, 2002 price level). The implementation of Kayamkulam Stage-II is envisaged to yield benefits in 11th Plan period subject to availability of fuel at reasonable and firm prices and commitment from the beneficiary States/Union Territories in Southern Region to take power from the project with signing of Power Purchase Agreement.